Non-Compact Group galvanising units, during the periods, 1988-89 and 1989-90, after earmarking thirty percent of the total availability of the material, prior to fully meeting the demands of Status 'A' Consumers and Compact Group Consumers, by SAIL;

(c) if so, whether all other Status 'B' and Status 'C' Non-Compact Group Consumers have been issued offer letters for the supply of the material by SAIL, during the same period;

(c) whether the above supplies have been made violating the Guidelines of the Joint Plant Committee, constituted by Government;

(d) what is the unit-wise, year-wise total quantity of 0·4/0.5 mm Cold Rolled Steel Coils supplied to Non-Compact Group, Non-Status 'A' galvanising units by the SAIL, during the same period; and

(e) what is the average premium on the 0·4/0.5 mm Cold Rolled Steel Coils, in the open market ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Supplies of materials to non-compact group of customers under Status 'B' & 'C' groups are made by SAIL in terms of the guidelines of the Joint Plant Committee, subject to demand registration as well as availability.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Total supplies of 0·4/0·5 mm C.R. Coils from SAIL during 1988-89 and 1989-90 were 9709 tonnes and 9704 tonnes respectively. Time and labour likely to be spent on compilation of information on unit-wise and year-wise supplies would not be commensurate with the benefit sought.

(e) Open market prices of cold rolled steel materials vary from place to place and from time to time.

Quantity of Cotton Procured by C. C. I. in Certain Districts of Andhra Pradesh for Export

480. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of cotton procured by C.C.I. in Guntur and Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years which was exported;

(b) what was the value thereof;

(c) whether C.C.I engaged any middlemen for the procurement of cotton or done it directly from the growers; and

(d) if it was procured through middlemen, what were the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) CCI did not export any cotton purchased from Guntur and Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years. However, during the current cotton season, CCI has contracted for export of 50,000 bales of cotton valued at Rs. 20·0 crores purchased by it in Guntur and Prakasam districts.

(c) CCI has not engaged any middlemen for the purchase of cotton from Guntur and Prakasam districts but has purchased directly from farmers during the current cotton season.

(d) Does not arise.